

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the heading immediately prior to paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten heading:

Description

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Technical Field

Insert the following heading immediately prior to paragraph [0003]:

2. Related Art

Insert the following heading immediately prior to paragraph [0009]:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Insert the following new paragraph immediately after the above heading, prior to paragraph [0009]:

Multi-layered cylinder head seal, with a spacing layer that has openings corresponding to the number of combustion chambers taking cylinder bushings in a combustion engine, in the area of which a combustion chamber edging containing a soft iron ring is located, and in the edge areas at least partially limiting elements are provided, where the spacing layer is in functional contact with functional layers that have several selectable distances from both the associated combustion chamber edging as well as the associated limiting element and that are provided with sumps.

Insert the following heading immediately prior to paragraph [0013]:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Insert the following heading immediately prior to paragraph [0016]:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Replace the abstract originally filed with the attached one page abstract.